

Who'd have thought it? Sir John Perrot inspired the Bard's Sir John Falstaff according to the 'The Sphere' in 1952!!

FALSTAFF'S FARMHOUSE TO BE AUCTIONED



A LONDON LINK WITH THE SPACIOUS DAYS OF ELIZABETH I : Oxgate Farm, a farmhouse surrounded by factories in one of London's largest industrial areas, is to be auctioned next month. The old farmhouse, in Coles Green Road, Cricklewood, N.W., is the only remaining part of Oxgate Manor, once owned by Shakespeare's John Falstaff. Queen Elizabeth I was so taken with the character of Falconbridge in *King John*, in whom she saw the character of her half-brother, Sir John Perrott, owner of the Manor, that she asked Shakespeare to put him on the stage again as a lover. As a result, Falstaff appeared in *The Merry Wives of Windsor*.

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